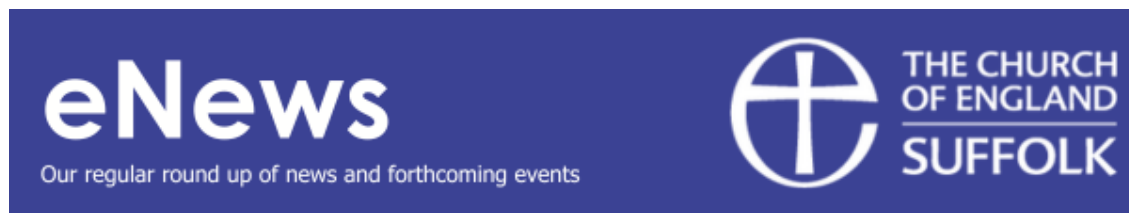


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Suffolk's Harvest Festival to be celebrated in true farming style



Farmers and farming were the focus of the county's showpiece Harvest Festival celebration at the home of the Suffolk Show last Sunday.

The mix of activities organised included craft displays, the iconic Suffolk Punches and live music. However, the line-up had been affected by the threat of Bluetongue disease and so there were no sheep or cattle as previously planned

for the event. The disease, which can kill cattle, sheep, goats and deer, has led to movement restrictions on animals.

Bishop Martin, who led the service, has urged more Government support for affected farmers. Read the full story on our [website here](#).

Leaving message from Bishop Mike



Dear friends. A short message to say thank you so much for the generosity shown to me as I left my position as Bishop of Dunwich recently to head for Exeter. The presents were both personal to me (DIY Bee hive for example), relevant to my ministry present and future (e.g the books) and will keep me in mind of many joyful times in Suffolk (such as the picture of the view skywards towards the magnificent tower ceiling from the nave altar at St Edmundsbury Cathedral). Rachel and I were deeply touched by the cards, kind words and gifts received and we transition to Exeter with grateful hearts and happy memories of Suffolk and the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich – thank you again and I continue to pray for God's appointments to the episcopal and archidiaconal vacancies arising in Suffolk.

Bishop Mike

Apply now for a grant to help you kickstart a Net Zero project in your church

Churches in the Diocese of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich looking to reduce their carbon emissions can now apply for a 'Quick Wins' grant to help launch a small project. Grants of up to £5,000 can be applied for to help fund small scale decarbonisation projects such as new LED lighting, pew heaters, insulation or updating electricity supplies. The 'Quick Wins' grant scheme is part of The Church of England's ambitious Net Zero Carbon by 2030



programme, which aims to equip, resource and support all parts of the Church to reduce carbon emissions from the energy used in its buildings, schools and through work-related transport by 2030. Contact our Net Zero Carbon Officer James Rolls at james.rolls@cofesuffolk.org for more details. Apply on our [website here](#).

St Mary's, Stoke by Nayland celebrate their restoration of the church: The Very Revd Joe Hawes led a service of Thanksgiving to celebrate the restoration of the church in Stoke by Nayland. Towards the end of the service the contractor Robbie was presented with an engraved miniature bricklayer's trowel in silver as a memento of his outstanding work. There still remains much to be done, especially on the tower. The next item on the programme is work on the wall of the south clerestory (the upper row of windows), which is hoped to begin next year.

St Mary's Church, Nettlestead, gets major grant to complete restoration: We are delighted that parishioners can celebrate their success after seven years of fundraising to secure the future of this small church. In 2018 the church was in such danger of dereliction that it was placed on Historic England's register of Buildings at Risk. Fundraising with a Landfill Communities Fund Grant, Valencia Communities Fund and support from National Churches Trust and the Suffolk Historic Churches Trust have enabled the urgent problems to be tackled. Two phases of fundraising have led to the church finally being weathertight, and safe from further dereliction in 2022 and now the church will have new heating and lighting and its monuments - including its precious 15th century font - will sit secure for future generations. With its restoration there will be opportunities for events throughout the year, as well as for visitors and local groups to use this lovely church in its tranquil setting.

Holy Trinity Church featured on Songs of Praise: Holy Trinity Church, Long Melford, featured again on *Songs of Praise* on 6 October. The programme had a harvest theme and included as one of the hymns 'We Plough the Fields and Scatter', recorded at the church on the evening of 19 July 2022. You can watch the [programme here](#).

Follow the Star: Calm and Bright



The Church of England's theme for Advent and Christmas 2024, ***Follow the Star: Calm and Bright***, draws on the world-famous carol, Silent Night: "*Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright...*" Resources include: booklets, prayer cards, family resources, logos and design guidelines, regular webinars, blogs, how-to videos, and a digital planner to help you create and organise your church's digital content. Find out all you

need [here](#).

Events

Sublime to the Ridiculous | Give to Go Green Event

Saturday 12 October at 5.00pm

St Mary's Church, East Bergholt

Sublime to the Ridiculous - from piano pieces by Mozart to the singular humour of Flanders and Swann and Tom Lehrer performed by Martin Huggett and Oli King. Admission is free with a retiring collection. Cream teas will be available from 4.00pm. Next Saturday is the last of these events and the fundraising target has almost been reached. Please do come and join us to help us 'over the line!' To reserve your tickets (for catering purposes) please email: stmarysebfundraising@gmail.com. If you would like to financially support the initiative but are unable to attend the events, please contact Jackie Reeves on 01206 299973 or Fiona Trott on 01206 298205.

Give to Go Green events

St Peter & St Paul Church, Pettistree, IP13 0HR

Pettistree Church has a separate building in its grounds, built as a Church Room in 1891 and used as the Sunday School. It had some restoration work done in 1982 and in 2023 the roof was re-felted and laid. The Give to Go Green project is to create a dry, warm and welcoming space for the use of the whole village as a meeting and social space. The building requires floor, wall and ceiling insulation, the windows repaired, efficient heating, a new kitchen and improved disabled access. The church and village community welcome you to attend these fundraising events

The Delightful Companions | Sunday 27 October 4.00pm: Listen to four highly accomplished musicians who will perform music from the 17th and 18th centuries on recorder, harpsichord and Baroque cello.

Life, Glamour and Art | Sunday 10 November 4.00pm: An illustrated talk on the life of Doris and Anna Zinkeisen. These talented, vivacious, stylish and sassy women were the toast of London's society during the 1920s and 30s.

Wildlife Talk | Wednesday 13 November 7.30pm: A talk on wildlife by Darren Tansley from Essex Wildlife Trust - to be held in Pettistree Village Hall IP13 0FA

Vice-Consul, Customs, Cannabis and Cocaine | Saturday 16 November 4.00pm: a humorous talk titled 'Vice-Consul, Customs, Cannabis and Cocaine' with Mr Jim Jarvie OBE, retired Head of Operations of the Central UK Border Force, also to be held at Pettistree Village Hall IP13 0FA.

World Mission Conference: Refugees and Asylum Seekers

Saturday 12 October, 9.00am -1.00pm

Salvation Army Hall, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

As Christians we are called to show hospitality to strangers, for by so doing some people have shown hospitality to angels without knowing it (Hebrews 13.2). How can we best do this? Our speakers will offer an insight into the refugee and asylum seeker issue on a global scale and in our own county, with practical suggestions as to how your church can become involved in welcoming and supporting those from overseas. More information and booking [here](#).

St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir and the Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir Concert

Sunday 13 October, 2.00pm
St Mary's, Newmarket CB8 0HP

Two choirs for the price of one! Come along to a concert featuring the two choirs; the St Edmundsbury Male Voice Choir and the Leigh Orpheus Male Voice Choir. Tickets cost £10 on the door, to include an interval hot or soft drink.

Elders Celebration Service

Sunday 13 October, 3.30pm
St Edmundsbury Cathedral, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1LS

We are delighted to invite all Elders to a Celebration of Elder Ministry. As before, this will be a joint service with the Diocesan Choral Festival Service guaranteeing a wonderfully uplifting service with the St Edmundsbury Singers and the adults of the Cathedral Choir to sing for us. The afternoon will be led by the Cathedral's new Director of Music, Claudia Grinnell, and accompanied on the mighty Cathedral organ by Assistant Director of Music, Richard Cook. We are looking forward to seeing you there! Please [click here to register](#)

Healing and Wholeness – Developing and Deepening Ministry where you are

Saturday 19 October, 9.30am
Salvation Army Hall, Violet Hill Road, Stowmarket IP14 1NE

A workshop for lay and ordained ministers to develop or deepen the ministry of healing and wholeness in their parishes (organised by the Diocesan Healing and Wholeness Group). Featuring keynote speaker Mr Steve Coles, Chair of the Guild of Healing & St Raphael. Admission is by donation of a minimum of £5 at the door, please do [register here](#).

Autumn Art Exhibition

Saturday 19 October - Sunday 20 October 10.00am-4.00pm
St Mary's Church, Brettenham IP7 7QR

Come along to an art exhibition, featuring paintings, photographs and pottery from local artists. Entry costs £2 and will include a cuppa. Funds raised will go to the church's Raise the Roof appeal.

Diamonds – how they are formed and how they are graded

Saturday 19 October, 7.30pm
All Saints' Church, Hitcham IP7 7NR

Did you know that diamonds come in every colour? Join us for a presentation by Joseph Blackmore which will take you through the diamond story from their creation in the earth's

crust, to how the rough diamond is cut and then graded. Try your hand at spotting the difference between natural and lab grown diamonds! The event is being held in aid of Hitcham Church Funds. Tickets cost £7.50 and can be purchased on the door (card or cash) or in advance at Hitcham village shop (cash). For more information please contact RNFCurrie@gmail.com

PCC Workshops



You are invited to join us for a series of topic-based Zoom meetings by Diocesan staff and parish experts. Suitable for Treasurers, Churchwardens, PCC members and administrators, as well as clergy and LLMs. Each session will involve sharing information and knowledge with a short presentation and will include plenty of time for you to ask questions. If you have any questions, please

contact [Julie Podd](mailto:Julie.Podd@diocese.suffolk.org).

- How can a church get to Net Zero? Led by James Rolls, Diocesan Net Zero Carbon Officer | Tuesday 22 October at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)
- Parochial Visitations led by Archdeacon David | Tuesday, 12 November 2024 at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)
- Maintenance work and the importance of engaging appropriate contractors led by Pat Forero, The Architect Studio | Wednesday 20 November at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)
- Church boundary disputes, faculty jurisdiction and uses of churches and churchyards for commercial purposes led by Kevin Wilson, Diocesan Registrar | Wednesday 27 November at 7.30pm | [Book here](#)

All Souls' Day Requiem Mass

Saturday 2 November 11.00am

St John the Evangelist, St John's Street, Bury St Edmunds IP33 1SP

Join the Revd Rob Parker-McGee and the Revd Dr Andrew Miller for this Solemn Requiem Mass. To add names to the list of those to be remembered at the mass, please contact 07771 593403 or email adrian.mann@btinternet.com. All are welcome, and the service will be followed by refreshments.

Clergy, Lay Ministers, Ordinands, AOP and Lay Ministers in training Day

Saturday 9 November, 9.00am, sessions begin at 9.30am

Framlingham College, Framlingham IP13 9EY

An invitation from Bishop Martin: "*This day is for Clergy, all lay ministers and ministers in training, and is an opportunity for us all to be together to celebrate the ministry in which we share before I retire!*". A lunch will be provided. Instructions for parking will be sent to those registered nearer the time but we have been asked to reduce the number of cars by sharing lifts! Could you get a group together from your church? Enquiries to Sarah Brown on 01473 252829 or sarah.brown@cofesuffolk.org

To book this event please first register on Insight - see information below. Once registered you will be able to see the event booking [here](#), to book please click on register button on the left hand side and follow the booking instructions. If you have any problems using Insight please email lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org for more help.

Chaplaincy Gathering

Tuesday 26 November, 10.00am - 3.30pm
St Nicholas Centre, Ipswich IP1 1UQ

This day is for chaplains across all sectors and is an opportunity to network with others. There will be input from Ceri Bryant, Occupational Health and Wellbeing manager for Sizewell C, and some of our diocesan team. A sandwich lunch will be included. No parking at St Nicholas Centre - please use local car parks. To register, please [click here](#).

Eco Church Support Zoom Session

Tuesday 26 November 6.00pm - 7.00pm
Zoom

An informal session for people to chat about what you are doing to work towards Eco Church Awards. Share success, obstacles and challenges you may be experiencing, seek support and support others. Whether you're seeking advice, wanting to listen in to the chat, or have lots of experience you're happy to share, please do come along. We will be joined by Robert Skelton (Ely Cathedral - Eco Church Gold Award), and Polly Eaton (A Rocha Eco Church - Eco Diocese Officer). Please register [here](#) to receive a zoom link (this will be emailed out prior to the session).

Theological Refreshment in Ministry: Spirituality and Art

High Leigh Conference Centre, Hoddesdon, Herts
25 – 26 November

Join this short residential retreat, open to lay, commissioned and ordained ministers: priests, local pastors, preachers, Elders, Readers and LLMs from the Eastern region. This year the Revd Canon Sharron Coburn and the Revd Mother Ali Miller will lead on the theme of Spirituality and Art: *Connecting with our Creator God and our creative selves*. These couple of days will be a chance to reflect theologically on how art – in all the ways we understand that term - helps us connect with God; to explore our reactions to various artistic media and the notion of what art is; and perhaps to have a go ourselves at some form of creative endeavour. The cost of the conference is £120 per person, which will cover all conference costs, including a single en-suite room and all meals. To register for a place, [please click on this link](#). For more information, please contact Lesley Steed at lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org or telephone 01473 298510.

Connect Family Ministry Course

The Woolpit Institute, Woolpit IP30 9QH
Starting Saturday 18 January 9.30am

In this course, we look at what families look like in the Bible and how the early church ministered to families. We then look at child development, learning and spiritual styles, discipleship, intergenerational worship, schools ministry and how we walk with families through life's key transitions. This course is perfect for anyone already doing some children or family ministry who wishes to consolidate their learning, access new resources and join a network of like-minded people who share their enthusiasm for this ministry. There are six sessions on the following Saturdays:

- 18 January 2025 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 22 February 9.30am – 4.00pm

- 29 March 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 24 May 9.30am – 4.00pm
- 21 June 9.30am – 1.30pm
- 19 July 9.30am – 1.30pm

Please sign up [here](#).

Enhancing Pastoral Ministry

Earl Stonham Village Hall, Stowmarket IP14 5HJ

Starting Wednesday 22 January 2025 7.30pm

Enhancing Pastoral Ministry is a six-session course for people who are involved in anyway in pastoral care (for example, Readers, Lay Elders, clergy, pastoral visitors) as well as those interested in a deeper understanding of this ministry. The sessions take place on Wednesday evenings at Earl Stonham Village Hall:

- 22 January 2025
- 29 January 2025
- 5 February 2025
- 12 February 2025
- 26 February 2025
- 5 March 2025

For more information on the course, please contact Lesley Steed at lesley.steed@cofesuffolk.org, and to book onto the course please [click here](#).

Exploring the Old Testament

Earl Stonham Village Hall, Stowmarket IP14 5HJ

Starting Wednesday 22 January 2025 7.30pm

The course is open to all and is free of charge. This module is commended to those who are seeking Permission to Preach and required for those on Auxiliary Ordination Pathway, unless exempted through prior learning. Each session lasts for two hours, and includes input, group work and discussion. The course handbook provides essential background reading, as well as suggestions of additional resources.

The dates are as follows:

- 22 January 2025
- 29 January 2025
- 5 February 2025
- 12 February 2025
- 26 February 2025
- 5 March 2025
- 12 March 2025

To book your place on this course please [click here](#).

Big Issues: The Edmund Lectures 2024 | Wednesday 30 October and Wednesday 30 November, 7.00pm - 8.30pm

A series of lectures by internationally renowned experts on big issues that challenge our lives as we continue to navigate the 21st century. Lectures are free to attend; all information and booking is available [here](#).

Diocesan Choral Festival Service | Sunday 13 October, 1.30pm rehearsal and 3.30pm service

All are warmly invited to join the St Edmundsbury Singers and the adults of the Cathedral Choir to sing this year's Diocesan Choral Festival Service. The afternoon will be led by the Cathedral's new Director of Music, Claudia Grinnell, and accompanied on the mighty Cathedral organ by Assistant Director of Music, Richard Cook. Registration by Sunday 6 October is essential in order to take part in this event. Please [click here to register](#) and print your music (as there will not be any copies provided on the day). At the same service we will be giving thanks for the ministry of Diocesan Elders, so it promises to be a real celebration.

Prisons Week Service | Sunday 20 October, 10.30am

This year the address will be given by the Revd Wendy Norris, Managing Chaplain at HMP Highpoint. After the service, there will be an opportunity for discussion and reflection with refreshments provided. After the discussion, there will be a light lunch for which you are warmly invited to stay. If you would like to attend, please RSVP using the [form here](#).

Banana Blush | Friday 25 October at 7.30pm

A very special performance of Sir John Betjemen's Banana Blush! Broadcaster and writer Zeb Soanes will bring the much-loved verse to life alongside the dazzling virtuosity of the Chris Warner Ensemble. Set to the delightful toe-tapping score by Jim Parker, four times winner of the BAFTA for Best Original Television Music, this event is not to be missed! Get tickets now [here](#).

Flooded! | Friday 15 November, 6.00pm and repeated on Saturday 15 November 1.00pm and 6.00pm.

Flooded! is a theatre, opera and song extravaganza combining The Fools' Flood by Neil Clayton, a new play about an historic flood in Bury St Edmunds, and Benjamin Britten's family opera, Noye's Fludde. Supported by Arts Council England and partnering St Edmundsbury Cathedral, 15 local schools, Britten Pears Arts, Suffolk Music Service, and multiple community groups. Flooded! will allow us to reflect on our world today with the climate emergency and migration so often making headlines. Tickets and more information are available [here](#).

Notices

Insight: Insight is the new learning and resource tool developed by the Diocese and we are excited to invite you to visit, register and start exploring the content available. Please register using the email address that you use to receive this eNews, as held on the Diocesan database (CMS). If you have any technical support questions, please

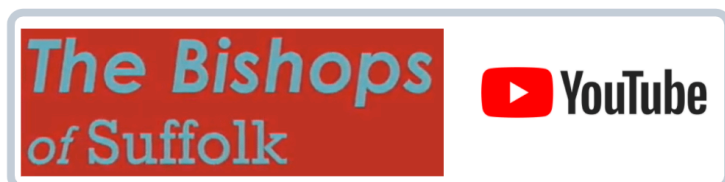
email insightsupport@cofesuffolk.org

Minor Repairs Grants: The Church of England has a Buildings for Mission initiative and recently provided funds to our Diocese. The funds will focus on small-scale but urgent works and 'stitch in time' projects that could save larger sums in the long-term. The fund will also be able to help cover the cost of essential improvements for the mission and ministry of a church. Full information on the grants programme, key dates, eligibility, how to apply and the application form are all available on our website [here](#).

Vacancies

[Giving Advisor | Parish Resources Team](#) | Closing date: 14 October
[Priest in Charge](#) | Wickham Market and Pettistree cum Loudham | Closing date: 15 October
[Children's and Youth Leader | Lightwave](#) | Closing date: 20 October
[Rector](#) | South Hartismere Benefice | Closing date: 23 October
[Management Assistant to Diocesan Secretary](#) | Closing date: 23 October
[Rector](#) | Bungay Benefice | Closing date: 6 November
[Children's and Families' Worker](#) | Sudbury | Closing date: 8 November
[River Church Opportunities](#) | Kids Pastor (full-time), Debt Centre Manager (part-time) and internships | Ipswich

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